

By Senator Lawson

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1   A bill to be entitled  
2                     An act relating to lobbying before the  
3                     Legislature; amending s. 11.045, F.S.;  
4                     providing that the prohibition against making,  
5                     or acceptance by a member or employee of the  
6                     Legislature of, certain expenditures does not  
7                     apply with respect to a member or member's  
8                     employee attending or participating in an  
9                     annual event held within a specified  
10                    geographical area; providing an effective date.  
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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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14                     Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
15 11.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:  
16                     11.045 Lobbying before the Legislature; registration  
17 and reporting; exemptions; penalties.--  
18                     (4)(a) Notwithstanding s. 112.3148, s. 112.3149, or  
19 any other provision of law to the contrary, no lobbyist or  
20 principal shall make, directly or indirectly, and no member or  
21 employee of the Legislature shall knowingly accept, directly  
22 or indirectly, any expenditure, except floral arrangements or  
23 other celebratory items given to legislators and displayed in  
24 chambers the opening day of a regular session. This paragraph  
25 does not prohibit a member or an employee of a member from  
26 attending or participating in any annual event held within the  
27 legal boundaries of the Tallahassee Downtown Improvement  
28 Authority taxing district.  
29                     Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
30 law.  
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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that the prohibition on expenditures by lobbyists and acceptance of expenditures by members and employees of the Legislature does not apply to a member's or a member's employee's attendance at annual events held within the area encompassed by the Tallahassee Downtown Improvement Authority.